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Letter dated 29 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

When I wrote to you on 4 September 1992 (A/47/421-S/24526), I informed you that the offer to send European Community observers to South Africa, made by the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on behalf of the EC, had been accepted by the parties in South Africa and that initially the European Community would send approximately 15 observers to be associated with the National Peace Accord. The EC also hoped to be able to assist Judge Goldstone and the work of his Commission by providing a small number of experts.

On 27 October, the European Community Presidency announced that, in accordance with the terms of Security Council resolution 772 (1992) and following their earlier offer, 15 European Community observers would be deployed in South Africa from 29 October onwards. The team members include police officers, lawyers and economists from the Community and its member States. Their role will be to seek, by their presence in situations of potential conflict, to prevent violence, defuse tension and promote peace. They will be operating in close cooperation with the National Peace Secretariat, as well as with United Nations and observer teams from other international organizations.

In addition, six police experts from the EC are joining Judge Goldstone's newly created investigative task force.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 69, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) D. H. A. HANNAY